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## MISSOULA'S COUNCIL

A Large Batch of Business Disposed of Last Night.

## REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Many Bills Considered and More Disallowed—Bids Opened—Municipal Affairs Generally in Shape.

Missoula, Dec. 7.—The city council met this evening in regular session. Those present were: Mayor Keith, Aldermen Greenough, Pullman, Lombard, Darbee, Riley and Jackson. Alderman Bonner came in during the meeting, making a full council. The monthly reports of officers were read. The treasurer's report showed the following balances in the several funds: General, \$2,102.62; fire department, \$277.12; road fund, \$17.50; dog fund, \$103.75; library fund, \$519.90; sinking, \$2,155.44. The clerk's report showed the November expenditures to have been \$2,228.97. Tax salary bills for November were read and ordered paid. The expense bills which had been referred to the auditing committee were read and ordered paid.

The city physician was allowed \$5 for taking charge of the fumigation and quarantine of the city residence during the prevalence of diphtheria. The aldermen all registered kicks because the ordinance requiring written orders from the chairman of the committee for the purchase of goods was not enforced. The mayor said that he thought no bills should be approved that did not have with them the proper order. A bill of G. W. Rhodes & Co. for paint and glass furnished the fire department, amounting to \$22, was not approved by the auditing committee. A bill of James Naughton for services rendered the fire department; one from the Big Blackfoot Milling company for \$10.15; one from Kohn, the jeweler, for \$17; one from the Florence steam laundry for \$2.72 and one from the Missoula Publishing company for printing Labor day proclamation were not approved. The council referred all of these back to the auditing committee.

After considerable discussion the clerk was instructed to receive bids unless they were accompanied by the proper orders from the chairman of committees. The bill of the mayor for recording two deeds was allowed and ordered paid.

Alderman Reilly presented an electric light petition signed by residents of the vicinity of Main and Patton streets asking for a light at that corner. Alderman Reilly moved that the petition be granted and a light be located as requested. This was seconded by Alderman Darbee, and was carried without opposition. Bids for the construction of the much-discussed sidewalk on South Third street were opened as follows: John Schlegel, 33 1/2 cents per lineal foot; J. W. Keith, 36 1/2 cents; McPeckle, 35 cents; R. W. Raymer, 33 cents; Herzog & Schlegel, 33 1/2 cents; William Logan, 35 cents; H. P. Kirkley, 35 cents. On motion of Alderman Greenough the contract was awarded to R. W. Raymer.

On motion of Alderman Greenough the city marshal was instructed to open up the fence that shuts off the old Higgins avenue crossing near the new depot. The question of the liability of the city in case of accident was raised and the city attorney gave his opinion that the city had no right to open this crossing, but the removal of the fence would not lay the city liable. The railroad company would not make the crossing passable for teams and the opening of the fence would not make a crossing. When these facts were made known the motion was reconsidered and defeated.

The mayor brought up the letter of Mayor Thomson of Butte, recommending the appointment of a committee of the council to meet in Helena during the session of the legislature. Lombard moved that a committee of three, including the mayor, be named to represent Missoula. The mayor appointed Lombard and Reilly as the other members of the committee.

The clerk read a bill against the city from Mrs. E. M. McDonald for injuries received by falling from a sidewalk on Patton street. The bill is itemized as follows: To personal injuries, \$5,000; loss of time, \$200; medical attendance, \$5. The bill was referred to the auditing committee.

E. E. Hershey appeared before the council in behalf of the school board asking that the council employ the truant officer to aid in the enforcement of the curfew ordinance that there may be an end put to the truant nuisance. The night police force is inadequate for this work and another man is necessary. The council voted to pay Truant Officer Houchens \$2 a month for this year. Alderman Bonner presented a resolution awarding the contract for the supply of water for fire purposes for 10 years according to the bid of the Missoula Water Works & Milling company. The resolution was passed. Bonner, Greenough, Pullman, Reilly and Jackson, ay; Lombard and Darbee, no. The prices named in the contract are: For two-nozzle hydrants, \$2 per year; for four-nozzle hydrants, \$5 per year. The hydrants are to be on Main street at least six inches in diameter and the minimum number of hydrants is to be 30.

A prominent western newspaper recommends flax seed tea as an excellent remedy for whooping cough. It may be good but it is not to be compared with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation will allay the violent fits of coughing and make them less frequent and less severe. It also liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate. Complete recovery is much quicker, too, when this remedy is given. There is no danger in giving it to small children, as it is a pleasant syrup and contains nothing injurious.

## DAMAGES WANTED.

Remarkable Grievance and a Liberal Reduction for Cash.

From the Washington Star. The subordinate railway official had been talking to a Star reporter about the hardships of the times. He had just delivered a few remarks on the schemes people will resort to to get something for nothing when a man with a hasty manner came in.

"I suppose," he said, without introducing himself, "that it's customary for a railway to pay damages when it kills live stock?"

"It is, if you can make the railway do it," was the unencouraging response.

"Well, I have a case that I think is all right. I came directly here with it because I'm a good-natured man, and I

want to spare the president and board of directors of this company the humiliation of being dragged into court."

"You're very considerate. What is your grievance?"

"I don't expect to get paid for all my grievance. There are hereabouts for which money cannot pay. But I want justice."

He pulled from his overcoat pocket the stuffed skin of an unusually large black snake. Wiping his eyes with a red handkerchief, he pointed to the snake with his outstretched palm, and said:

"That is all that remains of the pet of the household and the pride of the neighborhood. I took him to the taxidermist's as soon as I could, for this being that was one of the gentlest and cheerfulness of creatures is nothing now but evidence. Do you see that limp place in the middle of him?"

"Yes. It looks as if the taxidermist hadn't made a very good job."

"You're mistaken. That shows his art. I told him to preserve that place with the utmost care. That's where once your trains ruthlessly ran over him at the rate of 20 miles an hour, and extinguished the vital spark."

"What do you want us to do; send out a section to catch you another black snake?"

"Do you imagine for an instant that another could take the place of this? But, of course, you don't know anything about him. Two thousand dollars is the only basis upon which I would think of compromise. If I take the thing into court I'll sue you for \$10,000. I'll explain the circumstances to the jury. That snake was accustomed to run at large over my villa—"

"You have a villa?"

"That is to say, my country home. We have a great many guests every summer. It is a beautiful place, in a hammock. If that snake had received all the life-saving medals he was entitled to he'd have sounded like a string of sleigh bells every time he climbed a tree. I am aware that the melancholy days have come, but we will be needed next summer, just the same. You know there's nothing more dangerous than falling out of a hammock; it's likely to produce concussion of the spine and a number of other fatal consequences. The hammock was tied between two trees, and, of course, it was impossible to tell exactly when the rope against the bark would wear the rope out. The snake used to go up that tree and lie—"

"Could the snake talk?" interrupted the railway official, irrelevantly.

"Lie along a limb where he could watch that rope. And the instant he saw any signs of its parting he would throw himself around the trunk, knot his tail around the end of the hammock, and hold it till the people got out. If the slight jar didn't call their attention to what had happened he would let himself slide gently down the tree until the hammock reached the ground."

"That's a good story," the railway man commented, approvingly.

"I don't expect you to believe my unsupported testimony. I can take you out and show you the hammock and the tree."

"I'm afraid we can't do anything for you."

"I'll come down from two thousand dollars to one."

"One dollar?"

"Y-yes; if you insist upon it."

The railway man paid him cash and remarked:

"He probably doesn't realize that he has worked hard for that dollar; but he has."

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## TRIAL OF THE PUGS

Details of the Disturbed Mill to Be Related in Court.

## IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE

The Oat Meal Mill Resumes Operation—Tax Payers Register Kicks—The News of Missoula.

Missoula, Dec. 7.—The trial of Flood and Williams, the two prizefighters who were arrested yesterday afternoon, was set by Judge Landers this afternoon for Wednesday. On that day will also occur the hearing of John Butler for circulating obscene literature. Butler is also held under a charge of petty larceny.

J. K. Wood this afternoon received a telegram stating that the decision of Judge Woody in the case of Woody vs. Gleim had been affirmed by the supreme court. This verdict was in favor of Mr. Wood in a suit for attorney's fees.

The mineral land commissioners will be in session at the land office Dec. 17, 18 and 19 to hear testimony that will aid them in classifying lands north of the survey in this county as far east as Camas prairie and as far north as the Indian reservation.

Lieutenant Moss of Fort Missoula will leave to-morrow on a 19 weeks' furlough. He will spend the holidays at his home in Louisiana and will go from there to New York and Boston.

The executive committee of the board of trade will meet to-morrow afternoon in the office of Stoddard & Winstanley for the election of officers.

County Superintendent Sarah B. MacClay has received a handsome opal and diamond ring from the teachers of this county.

R. S. Hale of Helena came in this afternoon on his way to the Iron Mountain mine.

The train service on the Northern Pacific is improving. The westbound was only two hours late and the east-bound was within an hour of schedule time. This is the nearest to the card that the trains have been this month.

There is much complaint among traveling men because the Montana Union does not run trains from Butte and Anaconda to connect with the local trains on the Northern Pacific.

The oatmeal mill was started up this morning after a long shut down.

The county commissioners have been in session all day, the entire time of the meeting having been taken up by the hearing of complaints from taxpayers who think that they have been required to contribute too heavily to the maintenance of the county. Not all of the kicks were registered to-day and to-morrow will bring forth still more.

An intimate friend of W. H. Mace says that Mr. Mace will return to Missoula inside of 90 days, and that when he comes back the mystery of his quiet

and secret departure from town will be made clear. The friend insists that there is no truth in the reports that have gained circulation since Mace's departure.

## An Actor's Romance.

John Henry, the handsome, majestic Irish actor, who became a favorite on the American stage, was greatly admired on the stage by George Washington, says the author of the new book, "Shakespeare's Heroes on the Stage," in his interesting description of the history of the masterpieces and their impersonators. But his marriage relations were eccentric, to say the least.

"His first wife," says the chronicler in "Shakespeare's Heroes," "the eldest of a family of four girls, was lost at sea when the vessel on its return from Jamaica was burned. Mrs. Henry left a sister Ann, who afterward, as Mrs. John Hogg, became a great favorite with the old Park theater audiences in New York. With Ann as wife Henry lived for a time, but finally deserted her to marry the youngest sister of the family, pretty little Maria Storer. She was a perfect fairy in person, according to the story of those who acted with her; but her character is not enhanced by this willingness to accept the man who, the widower of one of her sisters, could thus desert another sister.

"Poets of the last century wrote verses in Maria Storer's honor."

"Enchanting maid! Whose easy nature every grace affords, And charms without the empty pomp of words."

"But the slight blue-eyed Ariel (for that was her ideal part) could be irritable and tempestuous, could refuse to act if she did not like the character allotted to her, or had failed to win all the applause she thought she deserved, and, chief of all, could accept John Henry."

"Her retribution was sufficient. A few months after Henry died his widow, poverty-stricken and demoralized, passed away in miserable death in a house back of the theater where she had met with so many triumphs."

"Nor was Henry himself less capricious and quarrelsome. In fact, he was very often involved in personal encounters, and on one occasion, at least, the stalwart fellow received a severe and probably well-merited drubbing from his associate, Hallam, an active fellow, though much smaller. Gradually Henry grew unpopular; the chief roles one by one slipped away from him and the newspapers even allowed him to be insulted in their columns by letters railing at his incapacity. At last, worried on every side, he was driven to sell for \$10,000 his interest in the old American company, and retired to die of quick consumption shortly afterward at the age of 47."

## A Hypothetical Case.

Washington Star. "What did the editor say about your story?" asked the young man's friend. "I don't believe he liked it very well."

"Well, there are differences in the appreciative faculty as well as in the ability to create. The same man's taste will vary according to circumstances."

"I suggested that, and he agreed with me. He said if a man found himself on a desert island with nothing to read except my story and a book number city directory, he might read my story."

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By Gustav Richter.



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Under the idea of the beautiful is included an extended class of emotions, as admiration of the delicate and the graceful, of the grand and the sublime. These emotions when produced by objects appealing to either the eye or the ear or to the higher conceptions of the mind make up what is properly termed the "love of art," and the conceptions thus made possible awake the highest class of emotions which man is capable of enjoying.

It is to this class of emotions that the paintings of Gustav Richter appeal most largely. His exquisite skill both in drawing and coloring has given us pictures of excellent character, his portraits and figures being vivid presentations of life. "Their eyes can see, their lips almost move, the bloom of their skin is exquisitely delicate, and their cheeks warm and glowing with life and health."

A good example is the face of the "Crimean Gipsy Girl"—the sweet little thief with her short skirt well filled with the luscious fruit of the vine. The grapes are not more warm in color than her own russet cheeks. As one looks at the half-delinquent expression of her hazel-like eyes, he is startled with their life-like reality, yet held as with a strange power of fascination.

It is the concurrent testimony of Richter's most able critics that he could invert eyes with a supreme charm, and set the hint of witching sweetness on a mouth, thus imbuing a face with the glow of perennial youth. It was said of that beautiful creation of Richter's called "Loving," whose wistful eyes and gentle face once seen can never be forgotten. "It is not a picture; it is an apparition."

(Page 28 of "Pictorial Wonderland.")

The foregoing is a sample page from the beautiful new art work given to yearly subscribers of the Anaconda Standard.

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